

Appl. No. 10/709,604
Amtd. dated August 09, 2006
Reply to Office action of June 28, 2006

REMARKS

The rejections of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kwon (US Patent Number 6584064) have been carefully considered but is most 5 respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

The present application disclose a floating-type clamping mechanism including a clamping body 41, a clamping yoke 44, a central clamping element 43 and a magnetic element 42. The magnetic element 42 is attracted to the clamping yoke 44, and they 10 clamp the central clamping element 43 between them. Besides, the magnetic element 42, clamping yoke 44 and central clamping element 43 are floatably disposed in the clamping body 41 by the connection of the elastic elements 45 or the cantilevers 48. Please see figures 17 and 18, the magnetic element 42 is moveable in the clamping body 41 because of the elasticity of the elastic elements 45 or the cantilevers 48 shown in figures 25 and 15 26.

In contrast, the Kwon patent discloses a clamping device which mainly consists of a clamp 54, a clamping magnet 20 and a plate 58. The clamping magnet 20 is directly fixed in the clamp 54 (figure 3 and col. 2, lines 62-65), but not floatably disposed in the clamp 20 54. Further, the Kwon patent does not disclose a central clamping element which is clamped by a clamping yoke and a magnetic element.

Therefore, Kwon fails to disclose all of the limitations claimed in both claim 1 and claim 7. For as least the reasons, claims 1 and 7 patently define over the cited art and 25 should be allowed.

Moreover, since claims 2-4 and 8 depend from claim 1 or claim 7, they patently define over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

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Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the claims 1-4, 7 and 8 to overcome the
5 rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Specifically, the present application cannot be
anticipated by Kwon. In view of foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in
proper condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to
10 Office Action.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable
reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most
respectfully requested.

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Sincerely yours,

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